

## Israel to make new jet fighter

AVIV, Feb. 28 (R)—Israel has decided in principle to produce its own fighter plane for the 1990s rather than buy foreign ones, Deputy Defence Minister Mordechai Zupor said in an interview published yesterday. Mr. Zupor told the independent daily Haaretz that the decision was adopted by the government recently. "We are now in advanced stages of various negotiations concerning the development of the plane, which will first-rate standard, even if it is not meant to compete with the aircraft which the U.S. will manufacture in the next decade," he said. Defence Ministry Director General Yosef Ma'ayan will lead the United States soon to discuss the production of the new fighter plane, Defence Ministry sources said. Mr. Zupor said that Israel would approach the U.S. to provide the engine for the new fighter. The U.S. supplied Israel's present fighter, the Kfir (lion) with its engine but vetoed Israeli attempts to export it.

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## Tito feared in coma, near death

LJUBLJANA, Yugoslavia, Feb. 28 (AP)—President Josip Broz Tito's doctors withheld details on his condition today, saying only that it was unchanged from the day before. Medical sources said it was likely the 87-year-old Yugoslav leader is unconscious and near death. Tito's medical panel said his condition was "without change" from a day earlier, when they revealed he had developed a bleeding problem in addition to kidney failure, heart weakness and pneumonia. "Comrade president spent the night peacefully", Belgrade press officials quoted the doctors as saying. "Intensive treatment is being continued." Outside medical sources familiar only with the public medical advisories said that if Tito's pneumonia and bleeding were continuing, the reference to a peaceful night could have indicated Tito was in a coma. "And if he is in a coma, he will probably die very soon" a physician said.

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## Autonomy talks reach 'core of the problem'

CAIRO, Feb. 28 (R)—Egypt, Israel and the United States said tonight they had reached the heart of the problem of Palestinian autonomy, an issue regarded as holding the key to Middle East

of the three delegations conference that during of intensive discussion with "various issues consequence."

Prime Minister Musallil, Israeli Interior Minister Yitzhak Mordechai and U.S. Special Representative Sol Linowitz specify the stumbling block to be tackled in the principal problem to be the powers governing Palestinian the status of Jerusalem. In negotiations, one reaches the heart of the these negotiations we reached that point," a statement issued at the end of the talks.

Delegates said they had held the next plenary talks, set up under Camp David summit towards the end of March.

They decided to set up two committees to deal with issues and legal matters of the establishment of governing authority (civilian council), which would affairs of the 1.2 million Arabs living in the occupied Gaza Strip and in the West Bank.

It is at the core of the autonomy problem. The council to have municipal powers and day-to-day affairs. Most other Arab states wield the powers now held by Israeli occupation

leaders have boycotted autonomy talks, calling for continuing the struggle.

Former Israeli foreign minister Dayan said today would abolish military bases in Gaza and the West Bank and pull out its troops from Arab cities in a bid to break the deadlock in the negotiations.

## Dayan to visit to Arab arms industry

CAIRO, Feb. 28 (R)—Kuwait set up an arms industry to produce fighters and other weapons, the magazine Al Yaqdha said.

The magazine quoted Kuwaiti Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Jaber as saying he established a big military with the help of other advanced countries.

Not whether other tries would be involved in the arms industry, Kuwait newspaper Al-Siyar said.

Eight billion dollars worth of arms industry to produce fighters and other weapons, the magazine Al Yaqdha said.

French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing would discuss with Gulf leaders the area next week.

Officials denied the he time. Giscard d'Estaing is due to visit the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Saudi Arabia, Bahrain. He is due in the Gulf.

Several countries have been arms suppliers but the month the Kuwaiti Ministry announced that the United Arab Emirates had supplied an arms deal.

Mr. Dayan, in Paris as guest of the United Jewish Appeal, said that even if the current autonomy talks were to succeed, they would solve nothing. "What we need is the agreement of the Palestinian people, not the Egyptian government," he said. "It is with the Palestinians that we must negotiate and it is my deep conviction that sooner or later they will come around and talk to us."

Egypt will continue to implement the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty "whatever the future regime may be in Cairo," he said. The former foreign and defence minister said he did not think the Syrians would attack Israel. "Syria cannot go to war against Israel on its own," he said.

Mr. Dayan said he did not think any amendment of the U.N. Security Council Resolution 242 would serve any useful purpose.

Referring to European Common Market moves to "supplement" Resolution 242, he said: "A few more words worked into the resolution will not add anything or change the present situation. What we need is to sit down and talk with the Palestinians themselves; much as we did with the Egyptians."

He said he would not run for parliament again after his mandate expires in the spring of 1981 and would devote his time "to strengthening the ties between Israel and the Jewish people in the diaspora."

Mr. Dayan, in an interview released in Hamburg, West Germany yesterday, called for an end to Israel's administration of the West Bank and the withdrawal of its troops from Arab towns.

Mr. Dayan told the West German magazine Stern the abolition of the Israeli military administration of the West Bank and Gaza Strip should be the first step towards achieving a settlement of the Palestinian problem.

"Israel must then pull its troops out of Arab towns and allow them to build up local Arab police forces," he said.

"Secondly we must allow them to create an independent Arab leadership elected from the inhabitants of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip."

Mr. Dayan, resigned from the government last year in protest at its approval of new Jewish settlements in Arab territories.

In the Stern interview, Mr. Dayan said Israel's military presence in the Arab territories should be limited to border areas and strategically important points and Israeli troops should not interfere in the running of Arab communities.

He said Israel should take these measures without setting conditions or seeking Arab agreement. West Bank leaders would in any case refuse to negotiate except for full sovereignty.

"In this situation Israel must seize the initiative. It is of no benefit to Israel that we are still keeping the Arabs in check with military rule," Mr. Dayan said.

He said the Arabs should be given full autonomy to run all their own affairs and maintain administrative links with the Israeli or Jordanian governments as they wished.

It was clear the West Bank Arabs recognised only the Palestinian Liberation Organisation as their leaders and wanted independence. But Israel could not accept this and had to try to defuse the tension in the area with unilateral compromises, he said.

Mr. Dayan said time was running out for Israel to reach an amicable solution to the Palestinian problem. Large amounts of weapons were flowing into the Middle East and the situation in Lebanon was again growing unstable. In such conditions it was vital to seek new ways out of present impasse.



A wounded Colombian man is dragged to cover by other bystanders after he was shot Wednesday near the Dominican Embassy in Bogota.

## Further violence expected in Kabul despite return to normal

KABUL, Afghanistan, Feb. 28 (Agencies)—Rebel sources said today new attacks on Soviet and Afghan army units in Kabul were planned for Friday despite a reign of terror imposed on rebel strongholds in the city by the ruling Khalq (People's) Party civilian militia.

At least 300 persons died last Friday in six hours of street battles that followed anti-Soviet demonstrations formed by worshippers emerging from mid-day prayer in the city's mosques.

Soviet and Afghan troops were reported on the alert throughout the city to prevent a recurrence of last week's violence.

The troops were backed by an undisciplined militia force of about 2,000 men, assigned to patrol duty in districts regarded as particularly sympathetic to the rebels.

The militiamen had virtually unlimited powers under the martial law regulations, including the authority to set up summary courts, diplomatic sources said. They estimated that dozens of alleged rebels or rebel sympathisers have been killed in the past week by the militia seeking revenge for last week's well-

organised insurrection.

An Indian and a French diplomat said they witnessed the militia gunning down unarmed civilians at the height of the fighting.

Kabul returned to normal today for the first time since bloody anti-Soviet rioting exploded last week, killing more than 300 civilian and an unknown number of Soviet and Afghan soldiers.

Soviet ground-to-air missiles were today seen for the first time at Kabul airport as tension appeared easing in the Afghan capital.

Five batteries with four missiles each were lined up along the airport runway, but were not in firing position and seemed to have only recently been delivered. There is a major Soviet army camp at the end of the runway.

The missiles have not been spotted in the Kabul area previously. It was not clear what purpose they might serve in a civil war which has largely involved army units with rebel tribesmen and townsmen.

Meanwhile, almost all shops in the city had reopened after a six-day strike in protest against the Soviet military presence.

## U.N. commission to see U.S. hostages

UNITED NATIONS, Feb. 28 (R)—The United Nations has a written promise from Iran that the commission it has sent to Tehran to investigate the alleged torture victims who had become invalids as a result, said later in a statement that the invalids had presented "a most painful sight of human suffering", and added that they had tried to investigate "particular cases of obvious physical mutilation."

The U.N. spokesman said the pledge was given to Secretary General Kurt Waldheim by Iranian authorities before the commission arrived in Iran at the weekend.

Despite renewed objections from the students to a meeting during the last 24 hours, the spokesman said the U.N. was confident that one would take place.

The commission today visited a former royal palace and toured a jail operated by the feared secret police Savak, a commission spokesman said in Tehran.

Spokesman Samir Sambar said the five-man panel was shown around the Neyavaran palace in north Tehran, maintained by the new revolutionary government as a testimony to the luxury in which the royal family lived while much of the population was destitute.

Later they went to Evin prison where Savak held suspected opponents of the monarchy and, according to the present government, often tortured them.

At Evin prison, now used to house servants of the Shah's regime and others who have fallen foul of the new revolutionary authorities, the commission heard from inmates of tortures and murders allegedly carried out there by Savak.

Among them was Kazem Sheikhholeslam Zadeh, health minister under the Shah, who said the deposed monarch knew about tortures inflicted there from a report by an enquiry team, the official Fars news agency said. The panel also visited "Hossein's torture room," named after a notorious Savak torturer

executed after the revolution, a prison spokesman said.

The commission members, who also spoke to alleged torture victims who had become invalids as a result, said later in a statement that the invalids had presented "a most painful sight of human suffering", and added that they had tried to investigate "particular cases of obvious physical mutilation."

"This deeply moving experience will certainly remain imprinted in the memory of the commission," the statement added.

Informed sources said the commission would probably remain in Iran until at least next Tuesday before returning to Geneva to complete its report.

## Saudi Arabia denies rumours of unrest

BEIRUT, Feb. 28 (R)—Saudi Arabia has said that rumours of political unrest in the kingdom were baseless and aimed at gold profiteering.

Information Minister Mohammad Abdo Yami was quoted by the official Saudi Press Agency yesterday as saying: "All these rumours are baseless and a complete fabrication."

"The kingdom, as you all know, enjoys full security and stability, and this is adequate to repudiate all prejudiced rumours."

The minister said the rumours had been spread in the London commercial and financial markets to benefit from their effect on gold dealers. He gave no other details.

The rumours yesterday unsettled the U.S. dollar on the London money market.

## Guerrillas holding diplomats hostage in Colombia issue demands

BOGOTA, Feb. 28 (Agencies)—Guerrillas holding at least 15 ambassadors and other diplomats hostage at the Dominican Republic's embassy in the Colombian capital issued five demands today for their release.

They said they wanted the freeing of 311 leftist prisoners, a \$50 million ransom, the withdrawal of security forces from around the embassy, publication of a statement and talks with the Colombian government.

Authorities said today that the Israeli ambassador was also among the hostages, seized yesterday during a diplomatic reception.

Earlier the number of ambassadors held had been put at 14. The guerrillas are also holding several other hostages including lower ranking diplomats. They have threatened to kill the hostages.

An Associated Press spokesman who called the embassy and talked with a guerrilla who identified himself as "commander number one" said government snipers had opened fire on the embassy.

The guerrilla spokesman said the attackers were still awaiting a sign of willingness on the part of the Colombian government to meet their demands.

"Commander number one" said that two wounded persons inside the embassy, including Paraguay's charge d'affaires, and all women hostages would be released as soon as the government starts negotiating seriously.

Earlier another guerrilla said that the wounded are being released, with the women soon to follow. He estimated there were 25 women among the hostages.

The guerrilla leader at the embassy said there was no food left inside the building and the government had refused to deliver any.

The guerrillas also wanted to hold a "news conference" this morning with two Colombian radio reporters at which they would hand over the anti-government manifesto and the body of a dead guerrilla. But police would not allow the two reporters to enter the embassy grounds.

The 14 other ambassadors being held come from Austria, Brazil, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Mexico, Switzerland, the United States, Urugu-

guay, Venezuela and the Vatican. The Bolivian charge d'affaires was also inside the building.

The embassy was stormed yesterday by more than 20 guerrillas from the extreme leftist M-19 movement. An official statement last night said three soldiers and one civilian were wounded.

The M-19 group is one of several leftist and communist groups in Colombia which oppose President Julio Turbay Ayala's democratically elected government.

More than 200 of its members are currently facing trial on charges including murder, kidnapping, rebellion and armed robbery.

Peruvian Ambassador Antonio Belaunde, who escaped through the kitchen with about 15 other people when the guerrillas attacked said he thought between 50 to 60 people were being held.

The guerrillas in a telephone conversation with reports, said they were holding 20 ambassadors and 40 other diplomatic personnel, plus a number of other people. The number of ambassadors differs from the 15 mentioned by the Colombian government.

He said his original plans were to leave the embassy after an hour. "But now we don't know what we will do because police have the building surrounded," the spokesman told Reuters in a telephone interview.

## Syria announces arrest of Muslim Brethren

DAMASCUS, Feb. 28 (AP)—A senior Syrian official has revealed that "a large number" of members of the Muslim Brotherhood have been arrested and will soon be put on trial.

"All the Muslim Brotherhood terrorist gangs are agents of Israel and the United States and they will pay for their crimes," Mr. Zuheir Macharqa, deputy secretary of the ruling Baath Party, stated in a speech in Aleppo last night.

Mr. Macharqa also charged the United States and Israel with "being behind the internal troubles in Syria and the recent wave of violence in Lebanon."

He said "these imperialist plots" were aimed at disrupting the Arab steadfastness from which is standing like one man against the Camp David plot."

This was the first statement about Muslim Brotherhood arrests by a Syrian official since a new Syrian cabinet was installed in January. It followed the assassination of two Soviet colonels in front of their homes in the central Syrian town of Hama and the wounding of a Soviet engineer in Aleppo last month.

The Soviets have had about 2,000 military advisers and 1,000 civilian advisers in Syria for the past few years.

More than 120 Syrians, most of them members of the minority Muslim Alawite sect, died in terror attacks last year.

The Syrian authorities blamed these on the outlawed fundamentalist Muslim Brotherhood.

## Arab League forms committee to smooth over Libya-Tunisia dispute

TUNIS, Feb. 28 (R)—Libyan Foreign Secretary Ali Abdel Salem Tureiki today severely criticised Tunisian Premier Hedi Nouira and blamed him for a deterioration in relations between the two countries.

Mr. Tureiki was addressing a press conference immediately after the 21-member Arab League urged the neighbouring North African states to bury their differences and normalise relations.

A final statement issued by the league after a two-day emergency session in Tunis underlined the importance of respecting the independence and sovereignty of governments, but it did not grant a Tunisian request to condemn Libya for alleged aggression.

Tunisian Foreign Minister Mohamed Fitouri had accused Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi of trying to undermine the government of President Habib Bourguiba. The Libyans rejected the charge.

Tunis alleged that Libya masterminded a guerrilla attack last month on the southern Tunisian mining town of Gafsa in which 41 people were killed and more than 100 were wounded. Mr. Fitouri said the raid was part of a Libyan attempt to destabilise the country.

The Arab League today issued its statement on the dispute after a committee of five Arab states met last night and this morning to consider the positions of the two

adversaries.

The league said the dispute was diverting Arab states from their real objective, opposition to the Camp David peace accords between Israel and Egypt.

It called for an end to their propaganda war between the two states and other measures taken against each other.

The league said a committee made up of foreign ministers of Iraq, Kuwait, Syria and a representative of the Arab League secretariat would oversee normalisation.

If there were any problems, the committee could call for another full session of the league to take whatever steps were necessary, the statement said.

Mr. Tureiki said his government was "categorically opposed to the policies of Mr. Nouira's government and blamed him for the deterioration in relations between the two states."

Mr. Nouira, 69, who has been prime minister since 1970, was flown to a Paris hospital on Tuesday and informed sources in Tunis said he was seriously ill.

The Libyan minister repeated that his country was not involved in the guerrilla attack, and said: "I think what we have seen in Tunisia, and we have seen it many times, is that there is a certain disagreement between the people and the government that is ruling the country."

He added that the league's decision was clear, it had rejected Tunisian accusations of Libyan aggression. No Arab states had supported Tunisia, he said.

Mr. Fitouri told reporters he was satisfied with the league's ruling, which had stressed the right of each state to its sovereignty, independence and non-interference in its internal affairs, as well as "the respect due to the existing government."

Mr. Fitouri said several Arab states had said that a condemnation of the Libyan Jamahiriyah would serve no constructive purpose.

Relations between Tunis and Tripoli have been uneasy since Tunisia renounced after just 72 hours a 1974 agreement to merge their countries.

Tunisian officials have accused Col. Qadhafi of encouraging bloody labour riots two years ago in which more than 50 people died and 300 were wounded.

The Gafsa raid sent shockwaves throughout Tunisia, now faced with uncertainties over the country's political leadership.

Libya had supported the Tunisian call for an Arab League meeting to discuss their dispute. Tripoli wanted a condemnation of what it described as the French "invasion" of Tunisia. France provided military transport planes to help ferry the Tunisian army to Gafsa to meet the attack.

France was not mentioned in the league document.



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## Dishonourable peace

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Newspapers throughout the Arab World, including the Jordan Times, have in the past week been expressing their outrage and dismay at the establishment of diplomatic relations between Egypt and Israel. We have published excerpts of some of these commentaries in our news page. Below is the full text of an editorial on this subject from the Arab News of Saudi Arabia.

AS THE Israeli flag was unfurled in Cairo over the newly opened Israeli embassy, the Arab World looked on, full of anger, bitterness and disgust.

There was also incredulity: that the major Arab state should defect from the sacred cause in this way; and that it should time the sealing of its defection to coincide with Israel's present vicious attack on the towns and villages of the West Bank and Gaza, as well as its most strident claims to these areas.

Egypt's honour is besmirched — its honour even as a party to the Camp David accords, where its representatives insisted all along that complete Israeli withdrawal from all Arab lands (and not merely from Sinai), as well as self-determination for the Palestinians, were its abiding conditions.

But Begin has made it amply clear in both words and deeds that nothing of this will come about. Israeli settlements are increased and expanded, and the Israelis have even arrogated to themselves the right to settle in Arab towns. The concept of Palestinian autonomy he has propagated is a mockery.

What of the response from the Arab World? The Palestinians in the occupied territories were denied even the right to protest when the Israelis prevented the mayors of the West Bank and Gaza from travelling to the Palestine national convention, which was due to be held at the same time as the Israeli embassy in Cairo opened. Despite this, the towns of Ramallah, Nablus and Al Birh declared a one day strike to mark the occasion.

As to the rest of the Arab World, a look at its present state of division explains why nothing much can be expected. The rejection of the Camp David approach remained a negative minimum, which could not be translated into a positive course of action. The original division between "revolutionary" and "conservative" states ramified into divisions within themselves. The Arab countries, to be sure, will protest: but neither protests nor strikes will do anything to stop Sadat.

Nor can one hope that international pressure will force the Israelis to recognise the horrible injustices they have inflicted on the Palestinians. All that the international community requires from the Arabs is to keep the oil flowing and not to rock the boat of the international economy.

Where then does one look if one refuses to give in to despair? It might appear paradoxical for those who do not know Egypt, but the answer is the Egyptian people themselves. The Egyptian government might seek to reassure itself by declaring that 99.9 per cent of the population support its dishonourable peace with the Israelis; but this vast majority was conspicuous by its absence from the festivities accompanying the installation of the Israeli embassy in Cairo.

All of the political parties (the real ones, not the ones invented by the government) have come out against Sadat's peace: from the Muslim Brotherhood to the leftists, from the old Wafd to the new Wafd, all firmly and declaredly opposed. All the intellectuals, the students unions, the women organisations, the trade unions, the lawyers, the journalists who remained unthought by the government, all of them are firmly against. If all of them add up to no more than 0.1 per cent, then this is surely some 0.1 per cent.

## ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

**AL RA'I:** The Arab foreign ministers have done well by including the issues of the normalisation of relations between Egypt and Israel and the Israeli threats to Syria in their agenda. This was done although their current meeting in Tunis was convened to discuss the complaints exchanged by Tunisia and Libya after the events at Gafsa.

The inclusion of the two issues means that the challenges threatening the Arab national entity remain the greater danger, which all Arabs should counter collectively transcending unjustified inter-Arab conflicts.

We do not mean to go to the core of the Tunisian-Libyan conflict in itself. What is meant is a call to settle Arab disputes wherever they occur. It is certain that the Iraqi proposal for a new charter constitutes the framework which would organise Arab relations in a way that would end these disputes and prevent their ever occurring again.

**AL DUSTOUR:** In spite of the importance of solving the conflict between Tunisia and Libya to avoid its negative implications for more important Arab issues, the adoption of a unified Arab stand with regard to the latest step in Egyptian-Israeli relations gains extreme significance which exceeds the Tunisian-Libyan dispute. What is taking place between Cairo and Tel Aviv comes within the framework of a great challenge which should concentrate various Arab efforts, energies and potentials to confront it firmly and with determination.

The secondary Arab disputes, especially that on which the Arab League council is holding its emergency session in Tunis, should in no way distract the attention of the Arab leaders and people from the true threat contained in the provocative Israeli threats which aim at putting pressure on Arab countries, particularly Syria, to impose *de facto* solutions through the Camp David process.

The current Arab League council meeting constitutes a test not only for the sincerity of joint Arab action but also for the ability of the Arab League, especially the front-line states — following the withdrawal of Egypt from the Arab front — to solve disputes among Arab countries and to take decisions that can counteract the dangers of the Zionist threat.



## Hussein meets with Austrian defence minister

**AMMAN, Feb. 28 (JNA)**—His Majesty King Hussein, the supreme commander of the armed forces, received at Army headquarters this afternoon Austrian Minister of National Defence Otto Rosch. The Austrian minister conveyed to His Majesty a verbal message from Austrian President Rudolf Kirchschlager on friendly relations and cooperation between the two countries.

Earlier, King Hussein met at Army headquarters with the commander-in-chief of the armed forces and high-ranking army officers.

## Hassan, Sabah agree to form economic cooperation committees

**KUWAIT, Feb. 28 (JNA)**—Jordan and Kuwait have agreed to set up *ad hoc* committees to study fields of economic cooperation between the two countries.

Agreement on the committees' formation was reached during talks today between His Highness Crown Prince Hassan, who arrived here yesterday on a two-day visit, and Kuwaiti Emir Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah.

The two leaders discussed during the meeting aspects of economic and technical cooperation between the two countries. The Jordanian side presented a briefing on a number of projects to be covered by the Jordanian development plan, while the Kuwaiti side showed interest in participating in a number of Jordan's industrial, agricultural and housing development projects.

## Kach militants questioned about Halhoul incident

**OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Feb. 28 (R)**—Two Israeli militants were being questioned by police today in connection with the willful damage to 40 vehicles in the Arab West Bank town of Halhoul on Tuesday night.

Police told reporters that both men were known to be members of Rabbi Meir Kahane's ultra-nationalistic Kach group, which believes in the Jewish people's divine right of ownership of the biblical land of Israel, including the West Bank.

Tension has been high in the area for the past few weeks following incidents in which Arabs threw stones at passing Israeli vehicles, causing a number of injuries and damage.

## Giscard d'Estaing attaches 'special significance' to upcoming Jordan visit

**PARIS, Feb. 28 (JNA)**—A spokesman at the Elysee Palace announced here today that French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing attaches special significance to his forthcoming visit to Jordan on March 8th and to his planned meeting with His Majesty King Hussein.

The French president is looking forward to getting acquainted, through his talks with King Hussein, with Jordan's stand on the latest Middle East developments and on current international events. Jordan's role and its historical and geographic involvement in the Middle East issue make such an understanding important, in addition to the importance of the efforts exerted by His Majesty King Hussein towards finding a comprehensive and just settlement, the Elysee spokesman added.

The spokesman noted that President Giscard's tour, scheduled to begin Saturday, will take him to Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates in addition to Jordan. He said the tour will firm up the already close ties between France



Valery Giscard d'Estaing

and these countries. The tour, the spokesman said, indicates the importance of Arab-French relations and gives the French president the opportunity to become familiar with Arab views on Arab and international developments.

The meeting was attended by the Jordanian delegation accompanying Prince Hassan, while on the Kuwaiti side it was attended by the minister of state, acting foreign minister, the minister of communications and the under-secretary of the Foreign Ministry.

Prince Hassan earlier today received Kuwaiti Oil Minister Ali Khalifa Al Sabah. They discussed Kuwait's cooperation in exploring for oil in Jordan, which takes the form of the provision of technical expertise and loans.

## 'Aboud residents take settlement plea to military appeals court

**OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Feb. 28 (R)**—Fifteen residents of the Arab village of 'Aboud on the Israeli-occupied West Bank of Jordan today petitioned the Israeli military appeals court against a decision by the military government to expropriate 1,000 dunams of land close to the village.

The land is intended for a new Israeli settlement, to be called Levona, which will house Israeli aircraft industry workers and their families.

The villagers said the land had belonged to their families for generations. But military government sources said the land was owned by the Jordanian government and therefore could be seized under Israeli law.

When the Israeli cabinet voted on Jan. 3 to establish the settlement, the three ministers from the Democratic Movement Party—Deputy Prime Minister Yigael Yadin, Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir and Minister of Social Affairs Israel Katz—reportedly voted against the decision.

Crown Prince Hassan also met today with Kuwaiti Finance Minister Abdul Rahman Al Aqidi. They discussed the possibility of cooperation to implement a number of joint projects in industrial and foodstuff development.



Prince Hassan

## British Ladies donate toys to handicapped

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

**AMMAN, Feb. 28** — The National Association for the Mentally Handicapped received a handsome boost today for the nursery it plans to open in April when the British Ladies of Amman donated nearly JD 700 worth of toys and playground equipment.

Presenting the gifts on behalf of the ladies were Mrs. Patricia Dajani, chairlady, and two members of their welfare committee, Mrs. Joan Howarth and Mrs. Naomi Sukkar.

A large wooden climbing frame with slide, basketball stand, trampoline, two collapsible swimming pools and an indoor swing were the largest pieces of play equipment received by the president of the association, Dr. Hisham Nazer.

Four members of the association were also engaged this afternoon in running a club which has fortnightly recreational activities for retarded youths. The youths were more than happy to help unpack the other items given to the association — mostly educational toys, plus a dozen tricycles and trucks and a set of collapsible chairs, 45 for little tots and half a dozen for the teachers.

Despite the boy's eagerness to play with the toys themselves, they are intended for use by about 20 small retarded children aged three to six years who will be attending the nursery daily once it is opened on April 19, under the supervision of five specially trained teachers.

The British Ladies of Amman raised the money for the equipment last Christmas by holding a raffle and a Christmas party. They stressed that they like to help people who don't have too much backing already, especially from the government.

Dr. Nazer added that so far the association, founded just over a year ago, has relied exclusively on the goodwill of individual benefactors, whose generosity has allowed the association to furnish and equip the nursery. It is housed in rented premises right off the beaten track, at the end of a dirt road about a mile from the main road running between the Sixth and Seventh Circles.

The association is now concentrating its efforts on raising enough money to buy a school bus, which, in view of the nursery's location, is essential since the children will come from all Amman.



## WHAT'S GOING ON

### Exhibition

The Goethe Institute presents an exhibition of West German children's picture-books.

### Film

The French Cultural Centre presents "Violette et Franco" 7:30 p.m.

### Archaeological Field Trip

Dr. David Graf is leading a tour of sites in the Wadi Rum. Dr. Graf at the Wadi Rum police station at 9 a.m.

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## EXHIBITIONS

**NG:** An exhibition of children's picture books from West showing at the Goethe Institute. A small collection of man-language picture-books demonstrates the vital between image and text in the wide field of imaginative exhibition can be seen during the institute's regulars until Tuesday, March 4.

**March 2 to THURSDAY, March 6:** The British Council exhibition of recent British books on computers and nations. Open during the centre's library hours.

## FILMS

**February 29, SATURDAY, March 1 and SUNDAY, March 2:** Cultural Centre presents "Violette et Francois," 3.30 p.m. each night.

**March 4:** The Goethe Institute presents "Ewiges 54). The film is about the life and music of the composer. It is directed by Paul Verhoeven and stars Bernard Krahl, Annemarie Dueringer, Leonhard Steckel and 2. In German, with English subtitles. 8 p.m.

**AY, March 5:** The Theodor Schneller School, in its film cooperation with the Goethe Institute, presents "Ich Ne Arche Bauen".

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD TRIP

**March 29:** Dr. David Graf will lead a tour of archaeological /adi Rum. The tour will include a Nabataean temple and slamic rock cut inscriptions, and a Neolithic flint site. raf at the Wadi Rum police station at 9 a.m.

# Sahab complex to smooth way for industrial ventures

By Ron Cathell  
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

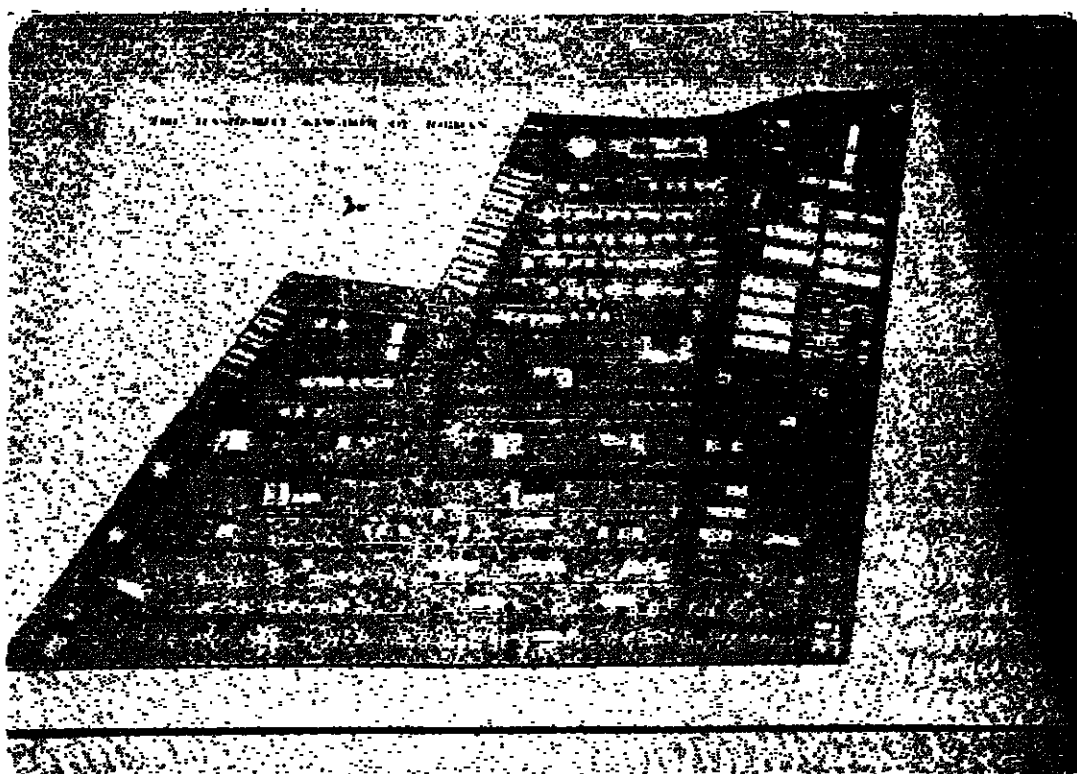
AMMAN, Feb. 28 — Jordan's fledgling industrial sector is getting a giant shot in the arm that is designed to make it easier than ever before for local and foreign investors to start up new factories and commercial enterprises.

An industrial city is about to be built just outside of Sahab, 20 kilometres southeast of Amman, that when in full operation will employ 25,000 workers in up to 800 factories. It will be the first industrial complex of its kind in Jordan.

It's called the Jordan Industrial Estate and is the brainchild of the Industrial Development Bank (IDB), which is co-owner along with the Housing Bank and Pension Fund. The entire project is estimated to cost JD 45 million at present prices.

The purpose of the estate is to reduce by almost half the amount of capital needed by investors to start up small and medium-scale industries. With the estate's complete infrastructure in place and land and buildings ready for occupancy, investors will be able to save at least 40 per cent of the capital outlay that otherwise would be required to set up shop, explains Mr. Tayseer Wahbeh, manager of IDB's technical department.

"The idea was originated by IDB in the late 1960s in an attempt to identify problems of industrial development," Mr. Wahbeh said. "We soon saw there was a lack of services for indus-



An overall view of the estate

trially marked land. Land for industrial use was usually in remote areas where there were no roads, water, power or other services. And often this land was very expensive. We found that 40 per cent of capital investment had to go into land, buildings and services first, before businesses could begin to be equipped with machinery and materials. So industry hesitated to get established because investors had to

have large amounts of money ready."

In the industrial estate, all these services will be provided, including buildings — some made to potential investors' specifications — roads, water, power, sewerage, drainage, telephones and tele services. A company can then rent or lease space, thereby avoiding making the initial investments itself and instead using its capital to develop its business.

"All these things will be ready in the industrial estate. All that investors have to do is start paying rent," Mr. Wahbeh said. There will even be an auditorium where manufacturers can put their products on exhibit, and an area set aside outdoors for a small industrial fair where large equipment, like tractors, can be exhibited.

The estate will be built in three stages, with the first stage completed in three years. It is hoped the first customers can move in by

the end of 1982. The entire project will be completed about 1992.

There will be two arrangements for customers to rent space. One way will be by a year-to-year lease. This will cost a customer JD 10 annually for each square metre of building space and will apply to any size industry that does not require resources on site, like a cement factory. Under this arrangement, rent is subject to increase every five years but cannot be raised more than 40 per cent at a time.

A second arrangement is by long-term lease, possibly 30 years, at the fixed rate of JD 75 annually for each square metre of building space. For both arrangements customers must pay 600 fils a square metre of land annually.

The largest type of industry the estate can accommodate would be one the size of an auto assembly plant. (Peugeot of France has reportedly inquired into the pos-

sibility of renting space for a car assembly plant.) The smallest industry would be on the scale of a one-man carpentry shop.

When completed, the estate will cover 2,530 dunums and include 700-800 factories, an administration complex with a canteen and health centre, a mosque, a vocational centre run by the Vocational Training Corporation, banks, shops, a post office, police, fire and petrol stations, a vehicle maintenance shop, and perhaps another vocational training school run by the Ministry of Education.

After the first stage of construction, which will cover 750 dunums and include most of the infrastructure, the administration complex and 110 standard size buildings for factories or warehouses, is completed, the estate owners will promote the following stages with the idea of tailoring additional buildings to suit the needs of interested customers.

Because of the sheer size of the estate and the workforce of 25,000 people required to run it, the Housing Corporation is considering building a community nearby to accommodate the workers. But this is still undecided and would be a separate project.

Originally, the owners of the project intended that the estate would also operate as a free zone so that it would attract foreign investors.

"Ideally, if you want to attract foreign investment you need to accompany this with a free zone, so they can bring in materials and equipment without paying customs duties," Mr. Wahbeh said. This was proposed in the draft law submitted by the owners for government approval. But the government rejected the idea; apparently because the Jordan Industrial Estate Corporation (JIEC) formed by the owners would be stepping on the toes of the government's own Free Zones Corporation, which has authority over such matters.

The owners are waiting for final approval of the draft law which will determine how the management of the estate will be structured and how it will operate. The

owners hope the JIEC will be allowed to function like the private sector in a free enterprise manner, instead of operating according to government procedure, with its bureaucratic constraints. The government could assert its control over the estate because it has the largest equity share.

Of the proposed JD 6 million initial capital, the government is providing JD 4.2 million in the form of the land. The remaining initial capital will be provided equally by the three owners.

In the proposed draft law, the JIEC's chairman of the board will be the minister of industry and trade and the vice-chairman will be the president of National Planning Council, which has been instrumental in drawing up the designs of the estate.

Board members will include the undersecretary of the Ministry of Finance, the undersecretary of the Ministry of Industry and Trade, the president of the Amman Chamber of Industry, the general managers of the IDB, the Housing Bank and the Pension Fund, and the director of the Amman Polytechnic.

Also in the proposed draft law is a clause exempting the estate's tenants from income tax for their first two years of occupancy. This would apply, if approved, to all future industrial estates the JIEC may build. Like the Sahab estate, future complexes would be built outside municipal boundaries.

Financing for the project is being provided partially by the European Investment Bank through a JD 3.2 million loan, and another loan is being negotiated for JD 850,000 from the West German-Kreditanstalt fuer Wiederaufbau. The rest of the needed financing will come in stages, some from rents, but the bulk will come from other international finance institutions.

The engineering consultants of the project, in a joint venture, are M.A.R. Jardaneh of Amman and Chemeh Industries Ltd. of Singapore, who conducted the feasibility study.

# People ...in the news

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**WHAT HAS A FRENCH**  
**SURGEON** to do with the  
**Koran? Dr. Michel**  
**Boucaille**, who has just  
completed a lecture tour  
here on the Koran and mod-  
ern science, explained, "I am  
a surgeon of the digestive  
tract. Many people who  
come to me for treatment in  
Paris are Muslims. They told  
me I had misconceptions  
about Islam — that there were  
large gaps between what I  
thought and the reality."

His patients piqued his  
interest and about ten years  
ago the effusive Dr.  
Boucaille began studying  
Arabic (strictly classical, he  
said), so he could read the  
Koran. Once he began read-  
ing, he was struck by verses  
containing descriptions of  
scientific phenomena that  
were not thought to have  
been understood until this  
century.

For example, he said,  
there is a Koranic verse con-  
cerning the constituents of  
the milk of animals which  
describes them as coming  
from the conjunction of the  
contents of the intestines  
and the blood.

However, the doctor con-  
tinued, the phenomenon of  
the digestive absorption of  
the contents of intestines by  
the blood to the mammary  
glands was known to sci-  
ence until quite recently.



Dr. Boucaille delivers one of his lectures on science and the Koran.

"It is impossible that the words of the Koran connected with science are the work of a man of the Seventh century. They present scientific statements that today challenge an explanation.

After an objective study, I have concluded that Muhammad was a prophet," he said.

Following his study of the Koran, Dr. Boucaille made a report to the French Academy of Medicine on the Koranic scientific data on physiology and embryology.

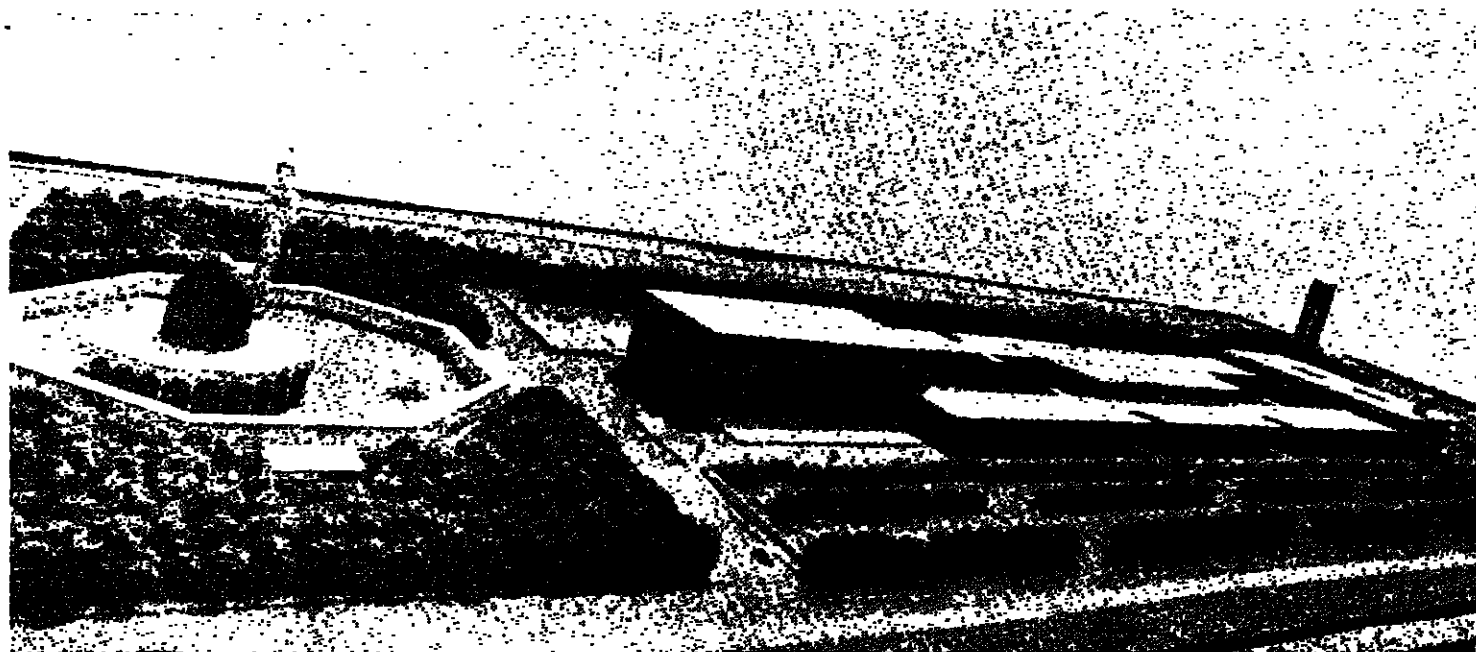
Shortly afterwards, in 1976, he published his book *The*

*Bible, the Qur'an and Science: The Holy Scriptures examined in the Light of Modern Knowledge*, in French. It has since been translated into Arabic, English and Serbo-Croatian. Preparations are being made for translations into Persian, Urdu and Turkish.

During his ten-day tour here as a guest of the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs, Dr. Boucaille gave lectures on "The Koran and Modern Science" and "Koranic and Biblical Narration in the Light of Modern Science" at the University of Jordan, Yarmouk University, and the King Hussein Medical Centre.

In addition, the versatile surgeon gave a lecture on "Medicine and the Mummies of the Pharaohs" — a subject on which he is well informed, as he was a member of the team of French physicians who examined the mummy of Rameses II about three years ago in Paris.

The doctor's companion on all his lecture tours — which he has made in Morocco, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, North Yemen and Saudi Arabia in addition to Jordan — is his wife, who herself has a Middle Eastern connection, having spent a number of years living in Morocco.



A model of the administration complex (right) and the mosque

## LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

U.S. dollar	296.50/298.50	Japanese yen	119.60/120.30
U.K. sterling	675.70/679.70	(for every 100)	
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Swiss franc	177.50/178.60	Swedish crown	70.60/71.00
French franc	71.60/72.00		

## TODAY'S WEATHER

It will be partly cloudy to cloudy, with rain in most parts of the country. There will be a drop in temperature, and winds will be southwesterly moderate. In Aqaba, it will be partly cloudy with northerly moderate winds and calm seas.

	Overnight	Daytime
	low	high
Amman	4	8
Aqaba	11	19
Deserts	4	13
Jordan Valley	10	15

# Radio stations proliferate in news-thirsty Lebanon

By Jeremy Clift

Lebanon has become a nation of radio fanatics. In West Beirut or a fresh bout of anti-aircraft fire at Unnassance planes flying low over the capital sends living for their radio dials.

has a host of radio stations to satisfy the general thirst for news where the battle of the air waves can be as lethal as bullet.

le shift in emphasis or change in political stance is played he radios are the daily chroniclers of a continuing prop- that keeps tensions alive and old hatreds burning. government the radio "snipers" are as dangerous as the militia bands they have no power to control. e years of civil war and simmering violence in which ple died, President Elias Sarkis this month announced a ment drive to achieve national entente in a country ost down the middle between Christians and Muslims. the radios are no more than a symptom of the sharp litting Lebanese society, officials believe they maintain pon the fears and suspicions of different factions. out civil war ended in November 1976, the government dly announced its intention of silencing the radio artillery. re still more than a dozen party-affiliated stations broad- population of around 2.5 million.

Lieutenant Ahmad Al Khatib's Lebanese Arab Army, a group which broke away from the regular forces in the oined the broadcasting business with its "Voice of the lution."

t powerful radio station is run by Mr. Pierre Gemayel's Falangist party. Named the "Voice of Lebanon, the Voice and Dignity", it pumps out a blend of pop music, news the latter strikingly anti-Syrian. But its programmes and ury reports, have made it popular even outside the reus of Lebanon.

the strut is rocked by fighting, citizens on both sides of the splitting the capital into largely Christian or Muslim

zones tune in to the Falangist radio for detailed accounts of where military action is taking place.

The Falangist radio competes with the main leftist station, the "Voice of Arab Lebanon", which is run by the independent Nasserite movement (Mourabitoun), as well as the official state-run station, Radio Lebanon.

But significantly it is a foreign, commercial station which has the widest audience and popular appeal. Radio Monte Carlo's Arabic-language service, which is tailor-made for Lebanese and Middle East listeners, is beamed to the region by powerful transmitters and reception is often better than for some of the local radios.

With news bulletins every hour, interspersed with western pop and Arab music, it brings to the area the flair of American-style radio as well as satisfying Lebanon's craving for up-to-the-minute information. In the snow-capped mountains of north Lebanon, Falangist militiamen, locked in combat with Syrian troops, tune in to Radio Monte Carlo for the latest on the fighting.

Two other foreign radios also have a significant audience — the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) which transmits in Arabic, and Radio Israel.

But the country's most curious station is the southern "Voice of Hope" radio, broadcasting from "Free Lebanon", the Israeli-backed rightist buffer zone which stretches in a 10-kilometre-wide belt along the length of Israel's northern border.

Opened last year, it was financed initially by \$500,000 raised in voluntary subscriptions from the American "Bible belt."

The Voice of Hope is now on the air round-the-clock and puts out an unusual blend of anti-Palestinian propaganda, Bible readings, country music and messages from rightist militia leader Major Sa'd Haddad. It also has a regular slot for the United Nations, whose 6,000-strong peace-keeping force patrols South Lebanon. But U.N. soldiers have been told not to write in for requests.

Nevertheless, the U.N. troops are developing the dial-twiddling habit, too, in a country where news has a direct impact on the daily life of every man, woman and child.



Each succeeding development in the Lebanese civil strife sends Lebanese scurrying to their radios. Above, units of the Lebanese army deploy in southern Lebanon. (Gamma photo)

REUTER

### Climbers discover frozen body on Everest

KATMANDU, Nepal, Feb. 28 (AP) — Two Polish climbers who scaled Mount Everest on Feb. 17 Thursday reported sighting the frozen body of a woman and some personal belongings apparently left by another mountaineer. Leszek Cichy, 29, of Warsaw, Poland, said the body was believed to be that of Hannelore Schmatz, 38, of West Germany. Cichy said while they were descending the summit they saw a female body half buried in the snow at an elevation of about 8,350 metres. "We saw a short and thin female body," Cichy said. "The body with red and blue garments was partly covered by snow."

Schmatz and American climber Raymond Edward Genet of Anchorage, Alaska, and a Sherpa guide, were reported missing last October in their attempt to reach the summit of Mount Everest. Genet, a 48-year-old mountain guide, reportedly froze to death Oct. 2-3 at an altitude of 8,400 metres where he, Schmatz and a Sherpa guide had spent the night.

Asked whether they had seen any signs of Genet, Cichy said, "We did not see his (Genet's) body. But we saw a ruck-sack, an ice axe and some chocolates (near the South Col) at a height of about 8,400 metres." Cichy said they could have belonged to Genet or to someone else. Cichy also said they found a note atop Mount Everest which was apparently left by Genet. He said the paper was wrapped in a plastic sheet kept inside an aluminium pipe of a Chinese tripod which was apparently erected by the Chinese four years ago during their conquest of the world's highest peak from the Northern side through Tibetan territory.

According to information available here, in the afternoon of Oct. 2, after climbing the 8,848-metre-high Mount Everest with four other members of the German expedition including Schmatz and a Sherpa guide, Genet was returning towards their camp at the South Col situated at 7,985 metres. But he reported feeling exhausted and decided to spend the night in the open. The other summiteers however had already returned to the camp. The next morning two summiteers found Genet frozen to death, Schmatz and the Sherpa guide left Genet's body and resumed their descent towards the South Col from where the summit bid was launched the day before. But after an hour's walk Schmatz collapsed and died. There was no information on the fate of the Sherpa guide.

### Hunt trails in squash tourney

STOCKTON, England, Feb. 28 (R) — World champion Geoff Hunt of Australia was beaten by Pakistan's Qamar Zaman for the second time in less than a week in the final of the Stockton Open Squash Championship last night. Zaman, the world number two, beat Hunt in the final tournament in Manchester last Friday. These two defeats for Hunt come on the eve of the British Open Championship in London. He will be bidding to retain his title.



### West Germany buries Malta

BREMEN, West Germany, Feb. 28 (R) — West Germany enjoyed an expected goal feast against Malta in their final European soccer championship qualifying match. They won 8-0 to complete their qualifying matches with an impressive goals tally of 17 for and only one against. Malta's coach, Victor Serri, was denied the face-saving goal he hoped for before the match but his team put up a good fight against the West Germans, who had already qualified for the finals in Italy in June.

The West German scorers were Alofs (2), Fischer (2), Kelsch, Runnenigge, Banhof (penalty) and an own goal. West Germany will be joined in the finals by England, Spain, Belgium, the Netherlands, Greece, Holland, Czechoslovakia and host nation Italy.

### Australia, Pakistan show cricket talent

KARACHI, Pakistan, Feb. 28 (AP) — Pakistan, in their first innings, scored 193 for five wickets on the second day of the first test here in reply to Australia's 225 all out, scored in 380 minutes. To Australia's total score, the outstanding contribution was from third wicket partnership of Greg Chappell and Kim Hughes with 54 runs and another fifth wicket partnership of Kim Hughes and Alan Border with 68 runs. Of the Pakistan total score, third wicket partnership of Taslim Arif and Javed Miandad with 76 runs and the sixth wicket partnership of Majid Khan and Mudassar Nazar with 59 runs was the main feature. The sixth partnership was still intact at the close of the day's play.

Australia's vice-captain Kim Hughes was the highest scorer with 85 runs, while the second highest scorer was Alan Border with 30. Next in order was Greg Chappell with 20 runs. From Pakistan side, opener Taslim Arif was the highest with 58 runs, while second highest scorer was Majid Khan (44, not out). Javed

Miandad scored 40 the third in line. Of the Australian bowlers, left arm spinner Ray Bright was the successful bowler who netted three Pakistani wickets yielding 48 runs only, while skipper Greg Chappell took two wickets giving away only 23.

### English soccer scores

LONDON, Feb. 28 (R) — Results of English League Football matches played last night were:

#### Division One

Aston Villa two, Manchester City two.  
Manchester United two, Bolton zero.  
Norwich zero, Middlesbrough zero.  
Tottenham four, Coventry three.

#### Division Three

Blackburn one, Exeter one.

### Atlanta increases lead in standings

NEW YORK, Feb. 28 (AP) — The Atlanta Hawks defeated the Indiana Pacers 116-111 last night and opened a six-game Central Division bulge over the San Antonio Spurs, who were beaten by Boston 130-125, and the Houston Rockets, 110-97 winners over Washington.

Larry Bird scored 30 points and Cedric Maxwell added 22 to lead the Celtics to their fourth consecutive victory. They remained 1½ games ahead of runner-up Philadelphia in the Atlantic Division.

Meanwhile, the Golden State Warriors beat the New Jersey

Nets 133-120. Purvis Scott scored 16 of his 34 points in the first quarter, enabling Golden State to hold off a New Jersey comeback. Short scored eight points in the last 3½ minutes after New Jersey trimmed a 22-point deficit to 113-108. Phil Smith scored 26 for the Warriors while Mike Newlin scored 35 for New Jersey.

### N. Korea, Iran win soccer matches

SINGAPORE, Feb. 28 (R) — North Korea trounced Sri Lanka 7-0 in a one-sided pre-Olympic Asia Group Three soccer match here tonight. North Korea led 2-0 at half time through Chang Nam in the seventh minute and Kim Mun Chol in the 31st minute. Sri Lanka lost to Singapore 3-0 on Saturday while North Korea held Iran to a scoreless draw on Monday. North Korea added five more goals in the second half. Scorers were An Chong Nam (64th minute), An Se Uk (67th minute), Kim Gwang (70th minute), An Se Uk (74th minute) and Cha Jung Sok (76th minute).

Tomorrow will be a rest day. Singapore will meet Iran Saturday. The tournament is played on a one round Robin League system, each team playing one match against the other team. Teams obtaining the highest number of points will qualify for the final and the winner will qualify for the 1980 Olympic Moscow.

In yesterday's play, a goal two minutes from time saved Iran from a shock defeat by China in an Olympic soccer qualifying Asian Group Three match here last night. Trailing 2-1, Iran looked a beaten side when an error by Chinese goalkeeper Fusheng left Mahmoud Ibrahimzadeh the simple task of netting equaliser. Playing in steady drizzle, Iran's forwards found the difficult to control on the wet pitch but after a goalless first, they eventually went ahead in the 65th minute when Barz Abdolreza took advantage of a mix-up in the Chinese defence score from close-in.

Two goals in two minutes, however, gave China an unexpected 2-1 lead. First Iranian goalkeeper Parvin Ali scored a freak goal, kicking the ball into his own net; then, in the 69th minute, Chi Shangbin shot China ahead, Iran's late equaliser keeps Iran unbeaten record intact with two points from two games.

The standings after games played here today:-

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Singapore	2	2	0	0	4	0
North Korea	2	1	1	0	7	0
China	2	1	1	0	3	2
Iran	2	0	2	0	2	2
India	2	0	0	2	0	2
Sri Lanka	2	0	0	2	0	10

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# U.S. defence budget may be increased to counter Soviet military challenge

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (Agencies) The Carter administration says it will need more money to meet the military challenge of Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

General David Jones, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, told senators the 1981 defence budget, already at a record level of \$158.7 billion, would be increased.

Testifying before the Senate budget committee yesterday, he said that as a result of the Afghan crisis, the Pentagon was planning to station military supply ships in the Gulf region and to use base facilities offered by friendly countries.

General Jones gave no hint of how much more money he deemed necessary, but said he hoped to submit his recommendations in April when the budget committee sets targets for congressional spending.

Defence Secretary Harold Brown described the defence budget as adequate but said it was not his "last word" for the financial year beginning on Oct. 1.

The United States is setting up a 100,000-man rapid deployment force (RDF) to safeguard Western lifelines in the face of any Soviet threat to such areas as the Gulf.

Foreign ministers of the ANZUS alliance—linking Australia, New Zealand and the United States—discussed the RDF at a two-day Washington meeting called in response to the crisis in Afghanistan.

In a joint communique yesterday, they stressed the importance of standing strongly together "in opposition to the use of force in extending Soviet or other influence over sovereign governments."

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In any case, the ANZUS communique said, Australia would deploy a carrier task force in the Indian Ocean while New Zealand provided air and naval support to the best of its ability.

U.S. Government military experts meanwhile said they believed a prolonged civil rebellion in Afghanistan could force the Soviet Union to send in a large police force as well as tens of thousands more troops.

The urban uprising in Kabul has added a new dimension to Moscow's task of maintaining its hold in the neighbouring country, the experts believe.

Since their December move into Afghanistan, the Soviets have mainly concentrated on finding ways of crushing guerrilla insurgents operating in remote areas.

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Some have estimated that the Soviet Union might need 400,000 more men to establish full control in Afghanistan.

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Fear of nuclear contamination has prompted an ingenious Paris fashion designer to introduce clothes against radiation. A store recently opened in Paris where you can find protective suits, masks, gloves, boots and detectors. (Gamma photo)

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BEIRUT, Feb. 28 (R)—The Soviet Union, apparently alarmed by heavy military losses inflicted on its Ethiopian ally, is urging a negotiated end to the war in Ethiopia's strategic Red Sea province of Eritrea, Arab diplomatic sources said today.

They said the Russians had stressed their desire for a peaceful settlement in talks this month with the head of a major guerrilla group fighting for the independence of Eritrea.

The 18-year-old Eritrean war is Africa's longest conflict. Ethiopian troops trained and armed by the Soviet Union are fighting guerrillas of the Eritrean Liberation Front - Revolutionary Council (ELF-RC) and the Eritrean Popular Liberation Front (EPLF).

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Roughly 1,000 kilometres of coastline with the Red Sea—a major Western shipping lane—make Eritrea an area of strategic importance.

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SALISBURY, Feb. 28 (R)—Heavy rains—with more to come—dampened Rhodesia's election today after a big turnout at the start of the three-day poll.

More than 1,375,000 blacks, 47 per cent of the electorate, voted yesterday but the turnout dwindled drastically today.

In the remote bushlands, rain made road travel almost impossible and airstrips unusable. Election officials said the peak rainy season was beginning to hamper the election process.

Mobile polling booths had fallen seriously behind schedule in some regions, they said.

Tomorrow, final day of voting for 80 black seats in the 100-seat parliament of independent Zimbabwe, the polls will be taken to the ceasefire assembly camps.

Twelve such camps across the country are housing some 22,000 armed guerrillas pending the election outcome, to be announced next Tuesday.

The guerrillas are expected to vote 100 per cent for their leaders, Mr. Robert Mugabe and his former partner in the Patriotic Front alliance, Mr. Joshua Nkomo.

Mr. Mugabe's sudden departure abroad last night caused anger and puzzlement today. British officials noted that all the main contenders in the election—and Mr. Mugabe is rated the top one—had been asked to remain on hand for consultations with British Governor Lord Soames.

The national leader's flight to Mozambique for talks with President Samora Machel, and then to Tanzania to meet President Julius Nyerere, meant his guerrilla forces—in and out of the ceasefire camps—had an absentee leader.

Tension is still running high in the camps, and is likely to increase as political developments unfold, British officials said.

Although his ZANU-PF (Zimbabwe African National Union - Patriotic Front) is expected to emerge the biggest single party in the parliament, Mr. Mugabe may not necessarily form the first government of Zimbabwe.

An alternative increasingly mentioned in British circles is a coalition between Mr. Nkomo and Bishop Abel Muzorewa, who was Rhodesia's first black prime minister.

to be approved by the BBC board of governors.

Disbandment is proposed for the Scottish Symphony Orchestra, the Northern Ireland Orchestra, the Northern Radio Orchestra, the Midlands Radio Orchestra and the London Studio Players.

The world-famous BBC Symphony Orchestra and five other BBC orchestras will survive the axe.

BBC's Radio Three service, devoted to classical music and culture, will close earlier in the evening.

The BBC's financial problems have been widely blamed on the government's refusal to allow bigger increases in the licence fees which all Britons are obliged to pay if they own television sets.

## World News Briefs

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (R)—Husbands and wives can now give evidence against each other in the United States, the Supreme Court ruled yesterday. The decision overturned a principle enshrined for centuries in many of the world's legal systems preventing testimony. The court upheld the conviction of a drug smuggler who was found guilty mainly on evidence sworn by his wife. She was not prosecuted on similar charges in return. Chief Justice Warren Burger said the ancient reason for the rule had disappeared. It dated from time when a wife was her husband's chattel, and had no legal right. The ruling only covers acts in which third parties are involved. Confidential matters involving the marriage partners alone will still be protected. The couple in the case were Mr. and Mrs. Otis Trammel. Mrs. Trammel was caught smuggling heroin from Thailand to her husband's drug ring in 1975. She agreed to give evidence against him on smuggling charges which he faced in return for lenient treatment.

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LISBON, Feb. 28 (R)—Construction of the first mosque to be built in Lisbon for more than 800 years began yesterday with a mullah from one of Portugal's former Indian colonies intoning verses from the Koran. The ceremony coincided with a diplomatic drive by the new Portuguese Government to mend relations with the Arab world as part of a search for urgently-needed oil supplies. Some 50 Portuguese Muslims, all drawn from Lisbon's once vast colonial empire, watched bulldozers clear a tract of wasteland as a site for the first mosque and Islamic cultural centre to be built since Crusaders expelled the Moors from the capital in 1147. The \$3.5 million Islamic complex, dominated by the minaret and two domes of the mosque, is being built on land donated by the city of Lisbon to serve the capital's Muslim community of 5,000.

MOSCOW, Feb. 28 (R)—The Soviet Union announced yesterday that more than 99.98 per cent of eligible voters had taken part in Sunday's elections to local and republican legislatures. Of these voters, some 99.9 per cent had endorsed the communist-led, single slate of candidates, according to final returns for the Soviet Union's 15 republics.

MADRID, Feb. 28 (R)—A radioactive water leak has been detected inside one of Spain's three operational nuclear power stations, a spokesman for the company which runs the facility said yesterday. The spokesman said there had been no leakage of radioactivity into the atmosphere from the Santa Maria de Garona power station near the northern city of Burgos, and that there was no danger to the public. The leak in a so-called "safe-end" water pipe joint was noticed when the American-designed boiling water plant was shut down for routine maintenance. The spokesman for the company said the reactor would remain shut down until all its ten safe-end joints had been replaced. He was unable to say how long this would take but recalled that the Duane Arnold boiling water nuclear station in Iowa, of a similar but older design, had been shut down for some seven months after the same type of incident. The 460 megawatt plant at Santa Maria de Garona has been operating for nine years without serious problems, the spokesman said.

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VICTORIA, British Columbia, Feb. 28 (R)—Canada's west coast province of British Columbia yesterday banned uranium mining and exploration for seven years because of public fears that it would do irreversible harm to the environment. The province's Premier Bill Bennett said the government had made the decision, which came two days before a big anti-uranium demonstration planned for the town of Victoria, because of strong popular feeling. British Columbia's uranium resources "will be left in the ground until the people are prepared to do otherwise," he said. British Columbia is not a major producer of uranium, and Mr. Bennett noted that the mineral was not needed for local power output, which comes mostly from hydro-electric projects.

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## Plans to 'rescue' Turkey take shape

By Phil Davison

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